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REV. JOHN C. KEENER, D.D., PRESIDENT.

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☞ The undersigned Committee on Minutes have been constrained by the high prices of material, and the obvious necessity of economy, to present the Minutes in a more condensed form than usual. We trust, however, that nothing of real importance has been omitted.

JOHN C. KEENER,
JOSEPH B. WALKER,
LINUS PARKER.

MISSIONS.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

OF THE

Missionary Society of the Louisiana Annual Conference.

There are three German Missions in the city of New Orleans.—The First has 83 members, 3 Probationers, and 100 children under Sabbath School instruction. The Second has 103 members, 21 probationers, and 100 children attending Sabbath School. The Fourth has 24 members, 10 probationers, and 83 children in the Sabbath School.

There are two white Missions and five colored Missions.

The Teche colored Mission was served by Rev. J. T. Fontaine, from whom we have received no report this year.

The North Rapides colored Mission was served by Rev. Uriah Whatly. It has 154 members, 30 probationers, 8 appointments, 800 slaves preached to, and 150 children under catechetical instruction.

From the Bastrop colored Mission we have no report this year.

The Winnfield white mission was served by J. W. Hearn, who reports 7 appointments, 96 members, 43 probationers, and $46 31 received on the work.

Sicily Island colored Mission was served by Rev. Thos. L. Green. He reports 9 appointments, 107 members, 78 probationers, 80 made a profession of religion on the work during the past year, and $300 paid towards his support.

Montgomery white Mission was served by Rev. Dabney P. Cullen; members 96, probationers 46.

Vidalia colored Mission was served by Rev. Fielding Bell; has 10 appointments, 221 members, 13 probationers, 95 under catechetical instruction.

Our unmixed colored Missions have yielded this year but a slight perceptible return. What can be done the most effectually to carry the knowledge of the Holy Scriptures to the tens of thousands of slaves in the delta of the Mississippi? There are, doubtless, obstacles to success which inhere in the character and condition of the negro himself. He is, for instance, almost incapable of transmiting the Gospel as he has received it, and can give but little direct aid in spreading it among his own kind. He is apt to take distorted views of his own religious experience, and lacks the check and correction derived from the daily reading of the Word. His exemption from the restraining influences of social law makes him an easy victim of lust. The fear and pressure of want he never feels; and therefore his faith can receive no advantage or discipline from that poverty which is incident to the greater part of the human family. The white man is as necessary to give a right direction to his faith as to his labor. This is part of the price which must be paid for the benefit of his service; part of the tax—if it be a tax—which Heaven has put upon his value.

On the other hand, the negro, accustomed to look up to the white man as a superior intelligence, is apt to receive the truth from his mouth. He readily trusts the teachings of the minister of the Gospel; counts him as his sincere friend; and takes a sort of natural delight in the songs and services of the sanctuary. Doubts which cloud the mind of the white man do not distract him; his difficulties lie in another direction. All he asks and needs is the plainest, strongest statement of Scripture truth. Attenuated thought and

the refinements of speech are lost upon him. That truth which is like "the axe at the root of the tree" will reach him, and his soul goes out towards it as the people of Jernsalem went forth to the preaching of John the Baptist. A congregation, therefore, of colored people will always prove to be a conservative audience. And the minister who preaches at least once on a Sabbath day to a colored congregation, will be most likely to adopt and maintain a healthy and vigorous treatment of Gospel themes. As audiences shape and develop speakers, the colored membership of the Church has served a good purpose in forming a race of preachers—men of "sound speech"—in Southern Methodism, for whom any people might be grateful. And the Lord will reward a ministry and a Church which bends to the care of his poor. And the labors spent upon the slave shall not be without return in many directions, besides that greatest, sufficient result of souls saved from death and won to Christ.

We must not, therefore, as a Society and Conference, permit ourselves by the force of present circumstances, or by the comparative poverty of the actual results of past labors, to be thrown off the great design of carrying the divine word to the thousands of slaves within our boundaries. So great and disinterested an undertaking must encounter many opposers, many doubters, many lukewarm professors of the faith, besides a powerful disinclination in our own hearts to those humble labors which are without honor, fame, or profit, though not without some care, privation and reproach. When this Conference shall have brought the Gospel within the reach of every family of servants in Louisiana, it will have achieved a work worthy of our high calling as christian ministers.

The German work has maintained itself—without any very marked improvement. The large church built in the city during last year is occupied, though unfinished. The times and the blockade have put a stop to the payment of the subscriptions made to it. The Missionaries in this, as in other parts of the Conference work, have been but partially paid; and thus have, with many of their brethren, no doubt indirectly, and without regret, contributed to the support of the war. Still the Society believes that the welfare of the country demands that the services of the house of God, and the preaching of the Word, be everywhere maintained; that they form a good

anchorage ground, without which the State may vainly hope to outride this furious storm.

Our Indian Missions deserve much additional interest from the decision of the Indian tribes to unite their destinies with those of the Southern States. By this action they have lost large sums which were annually paid by the Government of the United States for the support of their schools and people. We feel bound, therefore, by every patriotic and honorable consideration, to sustain these tribes in their attitude. We have an entire Conference of preachers laboring among them, and several institutions of learning which have been established and hitherto fostered by our Church, and must still be maintained.

The general Missionary appropriations are limited to these Missions, those in Kansas, those upon the Rio Grande, and those in China. The Board believe that it is an imperative duty to sustain Missionaries who have been sent forth into fields which are now rendered tenfold more difficult by the engrossing waste of war.

In conclusion we quote a few paragraphs from the appeal of the Parent Board:—

"The great pressure now felt through the whole Ssuth is duly appreciated and acknowledged. The emergency that is upon our people—the felt necessity to raise men and means to sustain our country and defend our rights in the cruel and unnecessary war now existing, are as fully realized. But still, we cannot but believe that our duty is as evident and our ability as adequate to meet the claims and answer, as we ought, the necessary demands of the benevolent institutions of the Church.

"How rich, how abundant, how varied the products of the earth, which a merciful Providence has given us!

"There are thus placed within our reach ample resources and means to meet the requirements made of us, as good and loyal citizens, for the defence of our country, and also the demands of Heaven, for means at our hands, for the world's salvation. Faithfulness on our part, in answering the call of the one, cannot, will not do away the obligation to comply with the other.

"If in the first a want of patriotism would be alleged against the delinquent, as justly would a want of religious faith be charged against the latter. The debt which we seek to pay is one of honor;

yes, the sacred honor of the Church is involved in it, and it must be met and paid.

"The amount necessary for the appropriations made, as named above, should be as cheerfully raised and paid.

"The Board, without intending to dictate or assume a right not belonging to them, but in accordance with the known liberality and ability of the Conferences, and the manner in which they have heretofore contributed, have divided the amount necessary to meet present and past appropriations in the following manner:

Kentucky,	$1800
Tennessee,	4000
Holston,	1500
South Carolina,	3000
Florida,	1300
Western Virginia,	500
Louisville,	2000
Virginia	7000
North Carolina,	4000
Memphis,	6000
Alabama	13,000
Mississippi	5000
Louisiana,	3500
Missouri,	1300
Kansas,	300
Indian Mission,	400
Arkansas	1000
Wachita,	2500
St. Louis,	2000
Texas,	3500
East Texas	2000
Georgia,	7000
Rio Grande,	2200

"It will be seen that the amount called for from each Annual Conference is far below the sum annually sent by the Conferences to the Treasurer heretofore.

"We have left in your own hands far the larger amount of funds collected, to be appropriated within your own bounds, and at your own discretion.

"The Board further requests that the several Conferences pay the apportionment, as named above, out of any moneys they may collect for Missions, before they appropriate any sum out of this collection for other missionary purposes.

"The subject, dear brethren, is now fully before you, and we sincerely hope, should the amount called for by the Board not be in your hands at the session of your Conference, that you will immediately devise some plan by which the remaining amount necessary shall be divided among your circuits and stations, and that the same be collected as early as possible by the preachers, and forwarded to the Treasurer."

TREASURER'S REPORT.

A. E. GOODWYN, TREASURER,

In Account with Louisiana Conference Missionary Society.

1861.	NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.	CASH.	DR.
Carondolet street Church,	$410 45		
" " Sabbath School	66 15—$476 60		
Felicity street Church	257 05		
" " Sabbath School,	101 30— 358 35		
Moreau street Church,	109 75		
" " Sabbath School,	39 00— 148 75		
Jefferson City,		5 00	
First German Mission,		93 60	
Second " "		37 60	
Third " "		5 65	
Fourth " "		39 75	
Baton Rouge,		54 00	
Gross Tete,		25 00	
Plaquemine,		18 00	
Wesley Chapel colored charge,		8 25	
		$1270 55	

OPELOUSAS DISTRICT.

New Iberia (from Mrs. Ann Peebles),	$39 15	
Abbeville Circuit,	9 50	
	$48 65	

MONROE DISTRICT.

Bastrop,	15 00	
Columbia,	25 00	
Evergreen (from J. Dunwoody),	42 50	
Bartholemew,	14 00	
Island and Wright's Chapel,	46 00	
Ion,		19 95
Alexandria	40 00	
North Rapides Mission,		125 00
	$182 50	$144 95

HOMER DISTRICT.

Minden,	35 00
South Bossier,	59 70
	$94 70

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.

Shreveport	20 00
Caddo,	17 75
Grand Cane,	8 30
Red River,	10 00
	$56 05

LAKE PROVIDENCE DISTRICT.

Waterproof,	18 25	
Sicily Island and Harrisonburg,		300 00
Tensas and Elizabeth Chapel,	13 50	
Trinity	1 20	
	$32 95	$300 00

FROM OTHER SOURCES.

Annual Contribution of Members,	50 00
Annie E. Goodwyn,	1 00
Masters Howard G. and Watson D. Goodwyn, $1 each,	2 00
Collection from North Bossier Circuit for 1860	40 00
Cash from J. A. Pauley,	12 50
Cash from friends in New Orleans,	30 00
Total from other sources,	$135 50

RECAPITULATION.

	Cash.	Dr.
New Orleans District,	$1270 55	
Opelousas District	48 65	
Monroe District	182 50	$ 144 95
Homer District,	94 70	
Shreveport District,	56 05	
Lake Providence District,	32 95	300 00
From other sources,	135 50	
Anniversary at Alexandria, viz.: Miss Lillie Mead, 2 bales cotton; Mrs. S. W. Henarie, 2 bales; Mr. J. H. Alcot, 2 bales; Col. C. A. Thornton, 2 bales; Mrs. M. E. Magruder, 1 bale; Mrs. H. Parham, 2 bales; Mrs. L. E. Texhada, 1 bale; Mrs. C. Dark, 1 bale; Mr. G. W. Compton 1 bale; Mrs. Mary Hynson, 2 bales; Rev. Robt. Parvin, 1 bale; Mr. C. H. Walden, 1 bale; Dr. Levin Lucket, 1 bale; Mrs. M. Waters, 1 bale—(total, 20 bales cotton); Mrs. Dr. Casson, 1 hhd. sugar; cash, $68 30,	68 30	
Total	$1,889 20	$444 95—$2,334 15

CONTRA.

By amount paid on Missionary drafts, December 13th	$ 350 00	
By amount sent to J. B. M'Ferrin, by R. Parvin, Jan. 1st,	25 00	
By amount cash paid J. C. Keener, Ass't. Treasurer	1,514 20	
By 20 bales cotton and 1 hhd. sugar, to be shipped to order of J. C. Keener		
	$1,889 20	$444 95—$2,334 15

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CONFERENCE MISSIONARY APPORTIONMENTS

FOR 1862.

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.

Carondolet street,	$500 00	
Felicity street,	500 00	
Moreau street,	100 00	
First German Mission,	150 00	
Second " "	100 00	
Third and Fourth German Mission,	100 00	
Jefferson City,	100 00	
Algiers and Gretna,	100 00	
Laurel street and Carrollton,	50 00	
Baton Rouge,	100 00	
Plaquemine,	75 00	
Gross Tete,	75 00	$1,950 00

OPELOUSAS DISTRICT.

Opelousas	300 00	
St. Landry,	150 00	
New Iberia,	100 00	
Vermillion,	100 00	
Franklin,	150 00	
Teche colored Mission,	100 00	
Pattersonville	100 00	
Grand Lake Mission,	100 00	
Thibodeaux and Napoleonville,	150 00	
Houma and Tigerville	150 00	
Washington,	150 00	$1,550 00

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT.

Alexandria	150 00	
Cotile	75 00	
North Rapides,	100 00	
North Rapides Mission,	100 00	
Evergreen,	200 00	
Calcasieu,	100 00	
Grand Cheneire,	50 00	
Point Coupee,	100 00	$875 00

MONROE DISTRICT.

Monroe,	$200 00	
Bastrop,	250 00	
Jefferson,	100 00	
Island and Wright Chapel,	100 00	
Lind Grove,	100 00	
Plantersville,	100 00	
Ion,	100 00	
Carroll,	200 00	
Delhi	100 00	
Columbia,	100 00	$1,350 00

HOMER DISTRICT.

Homer,	250 00	
Minden,	200 00	
Farmerville	200 00	
Ouachita,	150 00	
Vernon	100 00	
Winfield,	50 00	
Sparta,	100 00	
North Bossier,	100 00	
South Bossier,	100 00	$1,275 00

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.

Shreveport,	100 00	
Caddo,	200 00	
De Soto,	75 00	
Mansfield,	100 00	
Pleasant Hill,	200 00	
Bayou Pierre,	100 00	
Natchitoches	100 00	
Sabine,	100 00	
Red River,	200 00	
Lake Bisteneau,	100 00	$1,250 00

LAKE PROVIDENCE DISTRICT.

Providence and Bunch's Bend,	150 00	
Pecan Grove and Willow Bayou,	200 00	
Richmond and Bayou Videl,	200 00	
Waterproof,	300 00	
Wesley Chapel,	200 00	
Jourdan's Chapel and Newel's Ridge,	200 00	
Tensas and Elizabeth Chapels,	150 00	
Concordia Mission,	100 00	
Sicily Island,	100 00	
Sicily Island Mission,	50 00	
Trinity	200 00	
Winnsboro	200 00	
Harrisonburg and Centreville,	100 00	$2,150 00

RECAPITULATION.

New Orleans District,		$1,950 00	
Opelousas	"	1,550 00	
Alexandria	"	875 00	
Monroe	"	1,350 00	
Homer	"	1,250 00	
Shreveport	"	1,275 00	
Lake Providence	"	2,150 00	$10,400 00

MISSIONARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1862.

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.

German Missions,	$200 00	

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.

Natchitoches	200 00	
Sabine,	50 00	$450 00

MINUTES.

QUESTION 1.—Who are admitted on trial?

ANSWER.—Matthew D. Thomasson, Charles W. Carter, Edmund W. Yancey.

Q. 2.—Who remain on trial?

A.—Henry O. White, John C. Faulk, Baxter Clegg, and John W. Hearne.

Alansin W. Moore was discontinued at his own request.

Q. 3.—Who are admitted into full connection?

A.—William F. Alexander, Thomas B. Baldwin.

Q. 4.—Who are re-admitted?

A.—None.

Q.—5.—Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?

A.—Marshall H. Wells, from the Ouachita Conference; and John J. F. Brunon, elected but not ordained to Deacon's orders, from the Rio Grande Conference.

Q. 6.—Who are the Deacons of one year?

A.—August Arnold, Henry B. Frazee, John F. DeWitt, Whitmel P. Kimball, Seaborn J. Graves, James T. Fontaine, Charles W. Hodge, Dabney P. Cullen.

Q. 7.—What traveling preachers are elected and ordained Deacons?

A.—William F. Alexander, Thomas B. Baldwin, were elected but not ordained.

Q. 8.—What local preachers are elected and ordained Deacons?

A.—Thomas J. Sage, Baxter S. Porter, James M. Smith, John Aikin, were elected but not ordained.

Q. 9.—What traveling preachers are elected and ordained Elders?

A.—Robert T. Parish, John F. Wynn, William D. Stayton, Thomas J. Upton, John H. Boult, were elected but not ordained.

Q. 10.—What local preachers are elected and ordained Elders?

A.—Samuel H. Dockery, John N. Riley, were elected but not ordained.

Q. 11.—Who have located this year?

A.—William H. Scales, Henry Avery, located at their own request.

Q. 12.—Who are Supernumerary?

A.—Philip H. Diffenwerth, Anderson B. Fly.

Q. 13.—Who are Superannuated?

A.—Thomas Samford, David Kinnear, Henry C. Thweatt, Moses Davis, Thomas J. Lacey.

Q. 14.—What preachers have died during the year?

A.—Richmond Randle, William M'Beath.

Q. 15.—Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

A.—Their names were called over one by one, and their characters were examined and passed, except that of Frederick W. Traeger, in whose case the Conference took the following action: "The name of Frederick W. Traegar was called, when his Presiding Elder stated that Traegar had left the country for the North, and had remained there. After due consideration, the following resolution was adopted—

"*Resolved*, That we locate Frederick W. Traegar, he having, by affiliation with the Government of the United States, rendered himself unacceptable."

Q. 16.—What is the number of preachers and members in the several Circuits, Stations, and Missions of the Conference?

	White.		Colored.		
NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.	MEMB'S.	PROB'S.	MEMB'S.	PROB'RS.	Local Preach'rs
Carondolet street,	427	4			3
Felicity street,	272	28			2
First German Mission,	83	3			2
Second German Mission,	103	21			1
Third German Mission,	8				
Fourth German Mission	24	10			1
Moreau street,	113	46			1
Jefferson City,	32		56		2
Algiers and Gretna,	47	2			
Carrollton,	15				
Wesley, Soule, and Winans Chapels,			1174	364	
Baton Rouge,	112	13	150		1
Plaquemine,	19	3	88	9	1
Gross Tete,	32		136	13	
	1287	130	1604	386	14
OPELOUSAS DISTRICT.					
Opelousas	240	25	75		3
Washington,	41	2	15		
New Iberia,	95	1	123		
Chicot Pass,	26	13	3		
Abbeyville,	292		65		4
Franklin,	96	4	151	3	
Teche colored Mission,			152		
Pattersonville and Brashear City,	45	10			1
Grand Lake,	30		80	40	
Thibodeaux and Napoleonville,	45	3	100		2
Calcasieu,	145	30	53		
Grand Cheniere,	29	32	24		
Houma and Tigerville,	9	8	109		
Bayou Ronge and Blanc,	35	5	45		
Simmsport,	30		70	5	
	1158	133	1065	48	10
MONROE DISTRICT.					
Monroe	88	63	108	117	2
Bastrop,	82	29			
Jefferson,	81	40	36	52	
Island and Wright's Chapel,	29	9	67	35	1
Bartholemew,	150	43	25	2	
Ion,	174	74	53		2
Carroll,	209	127	86	10	6
Delhi,	60	75	26	12	1
Columbia,	215	50	100	49	
Alexandria,	50	13	122	20	
Cotile,	68	18			1
North Rapides,	175	47	45	17	1
North Rapides Mission'			154	50	
Evergreen,	62	4	34		
	1443	592	856	364	14

	White.		Colored.		Local Preach'rs.
HOMER DISTRICT.	MEMB'S.	PROB'RS.	MEMB'S.	PROB'RS.	
Homer,	347	108	140	90	8
Minden,	242	65	82	4	
Farmerville,	447	10	44		10
Ouachita	351	75	20		6
Vernon,	186	9	19		3
Dugdamonia	162	49		5	9
Winnfield Mission	63	69	3		1
Montgomery Mission,	96	43			3
Sparta	170	47	47	4	2
South Bossier,	161	23	167	37	3
North Bossier,	66	30	4	4	1
	2291	528	526	144	46
SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.					
Shreveport,	79	6	80	24	
Caddo	220	125	125	10	6
Grand Cane,	117	44	125	12	
Mansfield	150	26	32		2
Pleasant Hill,	145	25	130		3
Natchitoches,	204	22	27	6	3
Sabine,	100	55	9	11	4
Red River,	86	15	40		9
Lake Bisteneau,	111	20	100		2
	1212	338	668	63	29
LAKE PROVIDENCE DISTRICT.					
Lake Providence and Bunch's Bend,	39	2	70		2
Pecan Grove and Willow Bayou,	62	11	52	6	
Richmond,	85	11	225	35	
Wesley Chapel	50	3	200	10	
St. Joseph,	75	6	248	90	
Waterproof,	57		200		1
Tensas and Elizabeth Chapel,	47	7	105	14	2
Vidalia,			221	13	
Trinity,	93	11	23		2
Sicily Island and Harrisonburg,	58	46	24		2
Sicily Island Mission,	1		65		
Winnsboro,	353				
Centreville,	217	75		15	3
	1137	172	1433	183	12
RECAPITULATION.					
New Orleans District,	1287	130	1604	386	14
Opelousas "	1158	133	1065	48	10
Monroe "	1443	592	856	364	14
Homer "	2291	528	526	144	46
Shreveport "	1212	338	668	93	29
Lake Providence"	1137	172	1433	183	12
Total this year,	8528	1893	6152	1188	125
Total last year,	7761	2461	5834	1655	115
	I 767	D 568	I 318	D 467	I 10

	WHITE.	COLORED.	L. P.
Total Members and Probationers this year,.....10,421		7,340	125
Total Members and Probationers last year,.....10,222		7,489	115
	Increase..767	*Decrease*..149	*Increase*..10

NUMBER OF SLAVES PREACHED TO.

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.

Wesley, Soule, and Winans' Chapels,	3,000	
Jefferson City,	100	
Baton Rouge,.	300	
Plaquemine,	300	
Gross Tete,	150—	3,850

OPELOUSAS DISTRICT.

Washington,	200	
New Iberia,	200	
Chicot Pass,	20	
Franklin,	300	
Calcasieu,	70	
Grand Cheneire,	50	
Houma and Tigerville	250—	1,090

MONROE DISTRICT.

Bastrop	400	
Jefferson,	300	
Island and Wright Chapel,	200	
Bartholemew,	100	
Ion,	300	
Carroll,	285	
Delhi	100	
Columbia,	600	
Alexandria,	300	
North Rapides,	100	
North Rapides Mission,	800—	3,485

HOMER DISTRICT.

Homer,	1,500	
Minden,	250	
Farmerville	100	
Sparta,	300—	2,150

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.

Shreveport,	300	
Natchitoches	200	
Sabine,	100—	600

LAKE PROVIDENCE DISTRICT.

Providence and Bunch's Bend,	500	
Richmond,	1,000	
Wesley Chapel,	500	
St. Joseph,	500	
Waterproof,	1,000	
Tensas and Elizabeth Chapels,	300	
Trinity,	100	
Sicily Island and Harrisonburg,	100	
Sicily Island Mission,	400—	4,400
Total number of Slaves preached to,		15,575

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

Q. 17.—What amounts are necessary to meet the CLAIMS of the Superannuated Preachers, the Widows and Orphans of Preache and the Bishops' apportionment?

A.—$1,785.

Q. 18.—What has been collected on the foregoing accounts, and how has it been applied?

ANSWER.—

Balance from last year,	$404 89	
Collected this year,	998 43—	$1,403 32

Applied :

David Kinnear,	300 00	
Orphans of William H. Turnley,	145 00	
Widow of Thomas H. Foster,	150 00	
Orphan of " "	25 00	
Orphan of Thomas C. Tinder,	40 00	
Bishops' apportionment,	250 00—	$910 00
Balance in hands of Committee, in notes, to be collected for the other claimants		$493 32

In view of the deficiency to meet the entire claims, the Conference took the following action :

Resolved, That the Committee on Ministerial Support be instructed to discriminate between the necessitous and those who are not, by paying in full the claims of the former, and dividing the balance, *pro rata*, amongst the latter, after first paying in full the Bishops' apportionment.

After paying in full the claims of those whom the Conference decided to be necessitous, the balance of $493 32 was found to be in notes, in reference to which the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That no distribution of them be made this year, but that they be placed in the hands of the Chairman of the Committee for collection, and that next year they be reported separately, and that they be used next year to meet the claims of the present year of those who have been declared not necessitous—to-wit : Thomas Samford, Widow of Henry Page, Widow of Jones H. Waters, Orphans of Samuel Haws, Widow and Orphans of Benjamin C. Stegall.

WIDOWS', ORPHANS', AND BISHOPS' PER CENT.

Resolved, That at this session the Conference will estimate for the year following what amount will be needed to provide for the support of Superannuates, Widows, Orphans, and Bishops, and what per centage that amount is of the sum of the entire salaries of the members of the Conference.

Resolved, That the Conference will, at its next session, collect of each Preacher such a per cent. upon his entire *receipts* for the year.

Resolved, That the stewards of circuits and stations are hereby requested to add such a per cent. to the salary of each Preacher, and provide for it accordingly.

Resolved, That those works which may be supplied be requested to collect, in the same manner, the same per centage upon the whole amount of their actual receipts, and send up to the next session of the Conference.

Resolved, That the Conference declare the Widows', Orphans' and Bishops' per cent. for 1862 to be THREE PER CENT.

Resolved, That the Preachers who have failed to pay their Widows' and Orphans' per cent. be requested to send or bring up the amount to the next Conference.

Resolved, That those members of this Conference who may at any time be appointed to institutions of learning, or special agencies, be required to pay the Widows' and Orphans' per cent. upon their actual receipts.

Resolved, That the Preachers, in making their reports of claims and receipts, be required, in case of deficiency, to make a *pro rata* division of the amount received, between quarterage and table expenses; but, at the same time, that the stewards of the Conference be instructed not to make any appropriation to make up the deficiency of any effective Preacher, until the claims of the worn-out Preachers, and of Widows and Orphans, have been met.

Resolved, That whenever, in the judgment of the Preacher of a circuit or station, it is advisable to do so, he shall take a collection for the purpose of taking the full amount of the per cent. for which he is responsible.

Resolved, That the chairman of the Committee on Ministerial Support be authorized to collect the per cent. of those brethren who have not paid their per cent. this Conference.

QUARTERAGE CLAIMS, TOTAL ALLOWANCE, TOTAL RECEIPTS, AND WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' PER CENT.

		QUARTER. CLAIM.	TOTAL ALLOWANCE	TOTAL RECEIPTS.	PER CENT PAID.
New Orleans District,	John C. Keener, P.E.,	$ 510 00	$ 2,000 00	$ 2,000 00	$ 60 00
Carondolet street,	Joseph B. Walker,	420 00	2,000 00	2,000 00	178 40
Felicity street,	Linus Parker,	325 00	2,000 00	2,000 00	60 00
Moreau street,	James E. Bradley,	150 00	1,000 00	800 00	37 10
First German Misssion,	J. Uber,	150 00	300 00	185 00	8 20
Second " "	J. Pauly,	162 00	650 00	384 00	13 10
Third " "	F. W. Traegar,				
Fourth " "	August Arnold.	150 00	500 00	390 00	11 70
Jefferson City,	Joseph H. Stone,	150 00	475 00	475 00	21 00
Algiers,	Matthew D. Thomasson,	500 00	500 00	210 00	6 35
Carrollton,	Henry Avery,				
Baton Rouge,	W. E. M. Linfield,	340 00	1,500 00	1,000 00	36 00
Plaquemine,	Arthur W. Smith,	325 00	900 00	343 00	10 40
Gross Tete,	John F. DeWitt,	150 00	430 00	220 00	
New Orleans Christian Advocate,	Clayton C. Gillespie, Editor,				
Christian Advocate, Nashville,	Holland N. M'Tyiere, Editor,				
Centenary College,	Almarin G. Miller, Professor,				
		$3332 00	$12,555 00	$10,007 00	$ 442 25
Opelousas District,	Robert J. Harp, P. E.,	150 00	1,350 00	487 00	
Opelousas,	Daniel S. Watkins,	430 00	1,100 00	700 00	10 00
"	Alansin W. Moore,				
Washington,	Benjamin F. White,	325 00	900 00	540 00	10 75
New Iberia,	Robert R. R. Alexander,	300 00	1,040 00	555 00	36 85
Chicot Pass,	John F. Wynn,	150 00	300 00	29 00	
Abbeville,	John S. Davis,	350 00	1,000 00	375 00	12 00
Franklin,	Alexander E. Goodwyn,	325 00	1,100 00	800 00	24 00
Teche Mission,	James T. Fontaine,		1,000 00		

Pattersonville and Brashear,	Fisher T. Rawson,	350 00	1,000 00	627 00	
Thibodeaux and Napoleonville,	Stephen J. Davies,	421 00	1,200 00	168 00	43 50
" "	Robert A. New,				
Calcasieu,	Joel Saunders,	550 00	1,350 00	50 00	1 50
Grand Cheneire,	S. J. Graves,				
Houma and Tigerville,	William M. Beath,				
Bayou Rouge and Big Cane,	Philo M. Goodwyn,	230 00	800 00	213 00	6 40
Simmsport,	Fred. White,				
		$3581 00	$12,140 00	$ 4,544 00	$ 145 00
Monroe District,	James A. Ivy, P. E.,	150 00	1,000 00	204 00	5 00
Monroe,	Samuel Armstrong,				
Bastrop,	William C. Young,				10 95
Jefferson,	James L. Wright,	430 00	1,000 00	793 00	23 00
Island and Wright's Chapel,	John A. Miller				9 45
Bartholemew,	William J. M'Farland,	430 00	1,000 00	1,200 00	26 00
Ion,	John C. Pitts,	432 00	927 00	343 00	10 00
Carroll	Thomas J. Upton,		1,350 00	719 00	
"	John C. Faulk,				
Delhi,	Anthony Cannon,	425 00	1,300 00	200 00	
"	Wade H. Frost,				
Columbia	Robert Parvin,	300 00	800 00	474 00	2 65
Alexandria,	Nehemiah A. Cravens,	430 00	1,500 00	1,050 00	31 50
Cotile,	Joshua F. Scurlock,	150 00	400 00	183 00	5 50
North Rapides,	Robert T. Parish,				
" "	Uriah Whatley,		600 00	125 00	3 75
Evergreen	Uriah Riley,	485 00	1,275 00	404 00	
Agent Centenary College,	William H. Scales,				
		$3232 00	$11,152 00	$ 5,695 00	$ 127 80
Homer District,	Richmond Randle, P. E.,	340 00	900 00	291 00	
Homer,	Philip L. Henderson,	325 00	1,100 00	700 00	21 00

QUARTERAGE CLAIMS, TOTAL ALLOWANCE, TOTAL RECEIPTS, AND WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' PER CENT.

		QUARTER. CLAIM.	TOTAL ALLOWANCE	TOTAL RECEIPTS.	PER CENT PAID.
Amount brought forward,		$ 685 00	$ 2 000 00	$ 991 00	$ 21 00
Minden,	Samuel S. Scott,	525 00	1,000 00	750 00	22 50
Farmerville,	Thomas H. M'Clendon,	300 00	600 00	361 00	10 80
Ouachita,	Richard M. Crowson,				
Vernon,	Charles W. Hodge,				
Dugdamona,	Edmond W. Yancey,	485 00	600 00	239 00	
Winfield Mission,	John W. Hearn,	350 00	600 00	196 00	5 90
Montgomery Mission,	Dabney P. Cullen,	405 00	600 00	194 00	8 35
Sparta,	Whitmel P. Kimball,	325 00			
North Bossier,	Jeptha Landrum,	150 00	700 00		8 00
South Bossier,	Baxter Clegg.	375 00	1,000 00	561 00	
President Homer College,	William D. Shea,	300 00	1,500 00		
		$3880 00	$ 8,600 00	$ 3,292 00	$ 76 55
SHREVEPORT DISTRICT,	HENRY C. THWEATT,	150 00	1,200 00		4 50
Shreveport,	Samuel B. Suratt,		550 00	550 00	16 50
Caddo,	Samuel J. Hawkins,	350 00	800 00	800 00	24 00
"	William F. Alexander,	150 00	200 00	200 00	3 00
Grand Cane,	Thomas B. Baldwin,	364 00	1,100 00	260 00	8 00
Mansfield,	James L. Chapman,	150 00			
Pleasant Hill,	John Pipes,	405 00	1,000 00	441 00	13 25
Natchitoches,	William D. Stayton,	430 00	800 00	310 00	9 30
Sabine,	Henry O. White,	150 00	300 00	60 00	1 80
Red River,	John C. Reid,	350 00	825 00	825 00	43 40
Lake Bisteneau,	Jesse Fulton,				
		$2499 00	$ 6,775 00	$ 3,446 90	$ 123 75

LAKE PROVIDENCE DISTRICT,	ANDERSON B. FLY,	$	$	$	$
Providence and Bunch's Bend,	Benjamin F. Alexander,	150 00	1,000 00		15 00
Pecan Grove and Willow Bayou,	Charles J. Hallberg,				
Richmond,	Reynolds Trippett,	380 00			
Wesley Chapel,	Joseph D. Adams,	300 00	1,200 00	1,200 00	36 00
St. Joseph,	Henry B. Frazee,				13 00
Waterproof,	Thomas B. White,	390 00	1.335 00	712 00	12 80
Tensas and Elizabeth Chapels,	William G. M'Gaughey,		1,250 00	1,250 00	
" " "	Philip H. Dieffenwerth,				
Vidalia,	Fielding Bell,				
Trinity,	Moses Davis,	340 00	850 00	495 00	1 30
Sicily Island and Harrisonburg,	Lewis A. Reid,	255 00	1,130 00	183 00	
Winnsboro,	Thomas J. Lacy,	350 00	800 00		
Centreville,	John H. Boult,	300 00	600 00	104 00	3 10
		2465 00	$ 8,165 00	$ 3,944 00	$ 81 20

RECAPITULATION.

New Orleans District,	3332 00	$12.255 00	$ 1 007 00	$ 442 25
Opelousas "	3581 00	12,140 00	4 544 00	145 00
Monroe "	3232 00	11.152 00	5.695 00	127 80
Homer "	3880 00	8 600 00	3.292 00	76 55
Shreveport "	2499 00	6,775 00	3.446 00	123 75
Lake Providence"	2465 00	8,165 00	3,944 00	81 20
Total,	18989 00	$59,087 00	$21,928 00	$ 996 55

COLLECTED FOR PARSONAGES.

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.

Second German Mission,	$ 144 00	
Fourth " "	80 00	$ 224 00

OPELOUSAS DISTRICT.

New Iberia,	16 00	
Pattersonville,	500 00	$ 516 00

MONROE DISTRICT.

Bartholemew,	$ 160 00

LAKE PROVIDENCE DISTRICT.

Tensas and Elizabeth Chapel,	$ 300 00
Total collected for Parsonages,	$1200 00

COLLECTED AND EXPENDED FOR CHURCH BUILDING AND REPAIRS.

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.

Felicity street,	$ 700 00	
First German Mission,	885 85	
Second " "	182 00	
Fourth " "	100 00	
Jefferson City,	65 00	$1932 85

MONROE DISTRICT.

Bastrop,	$ 90 00	
Columbia	800 00	$ 890 00

HOMER DISTRICT.

Homer,	$1500 00	
Dugdamona,	300 00	$1800 00

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.

Pleasant Hill,	$ 500 00
Total collected,	$5122 85

RESOLUTIONS AND DOCUMENTS

REPORTED BY THE

STANDING COMMITTEES.

ON EDUCATION.

Centenary College.

Your Visiting Committee for Centenary College were instructed to seek and secure the re-organization of the Joint Board of Trustees and Visitors, so that one half of the Board of Trustees and Visitors should be nominated by the members of the Board who are now members of this Conference; and should report the result of their mission at this session of your body. A portion of this Report we subjoin, and recommend to be adopted as the action of this Conference in the premises.

Though requested by the resolution of the Louisiana Annual Conference to do so, the Joint Board of Centenary College did not re-organize, nor did they propose to do so at any time; but admitted the right of the Louisiana Conference to diminish the present disparity as often as a vacancy occurred, until the representation is equalled.

But if the Louisiana Conference has sufficient reason for persisting in claiming its rights, and conceives that fifteen years have been sufficient to test the disposition of the Board, still it does not appear to your Committee as consistent with self-respect for the Conference to renew their application to the Board.

It does seem to your Committee that an application may be made to the Mississippi Conference for a Joint Committee to redress this grievance, and whatever else requiring their attention. It must strike this body that an institution so well located is calculated to contribute largely to the education of the South. The condition of the country—the views derived therefrom, and the opinions expressed by our statesmen, foreshadow the approach of the moment to be seized—the advantageous moment for that institution.

In conclusion on this point the following resolutions are offered:

Resolved, That the Board, in refusing to re-organize, have disappointed the reasonable expectations of the Louisiana Conference; but has not thereby diminished the interest we have in, nor prejudiced our regard for the welfare of the College.

2nd, That we request the Mississippi Conference to concur with us in the appointment of a Joint Committee, to examine into the affairs and administration of the College, and secure for the Conferences an equal representation in the Joint Board; to examine the charter, and recommend such changes as may more effectually adapt the corporate powers of the institution to the want and condition of our country.

3d, That the Conference proceed to elect a committee of three, to act with a similar committee of the Mississippi Conference in the matter referred to.

4th, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Mississippi Conference at its next session, and a copy to the Joint Board of Visitors and Trustees at their next meeting.

By request of the Conference, John C. Keener, Joseph B. Walker and William E. M. Linfield, were appointed the Committee to confer with the Mississippi Conference.

VISITING COMMITTEES.

CENTENARY COLLEGE—Nehemiah A. Cravens, Thomas B. White.

HOMER COLLEGE—Baxter Clegg, Samuel Armstrong.

MANSFIELD COLLEGE—John Pipes, Samuel B. Suratt, and Henry C. Thweatt.

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

"*Resolved*, That in the month of May next we will each one of us preach a sermon to the children of our charge, and explain the design and uses of the Sabbath School.

Resolved, That we will give more attention the ensuing year to preserve what schools we have, and increase the number by organizing others.

The reported statistics of this year are imperfect. Last year there were 109 schools, 746 officers and teachers, 4,189 scholars, 25,504 books, 1,940 Visitors, $2,604 93 received. This year there are reported 81 schools, 508 officers and teachers, 3,476 scholars, 20,483 books, 1,142 Visitors, and $1,503 00 received. Less this year than last: 28 schools, 238 officers and teachers, 3,476 scholars, 5,021 books, 798 Visitors, and $1,101 93.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1861.

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.	No. of Schools.	Off'rs & Te'rs.	No. of Scholars	Vols. in Libr'y	Visitors taken	Money for S. S. purposes.	Collected for Missions.
Carondolet street,	1	28	233	1846	200	$ 473 00	$
Felicity street,	1	21	290	1000	200	440 00	102 20
Moreau street,	1	30	250	3500	200	90 00	.....
First German Mission	1	15	100	150	30	50 00	.....
Second German Mission,	1	15	100	500	13	50 00	.....
Third German Mission,							.....
Fourth German Mission,	1	11	83	50	20	50 00	.....
Jefferson City,	1	13	88	400	100	76 55	.....
Algiers and Gretna,	2	14	130	650	20	15 00	.....
Laurel street,	1	8	6.	500	50	10 00	.....
Carrollton,	1	8	50	400	25	10 00	.....
Baton Rouge,	1	14	150	700	50	97 00	.....
Plaquemine,	1	7	30	350	36	38 10	.....
Gross Tete,	1		25				.....
	14	184	1589	9976	944	$1399 65	102 20
OPELOUSAS DISTRICT.							
Opelousas and colored Mission,	1	10	75	200			.....
Washington	3	9	35	200		30 00	.....
New Iberia,	1	12	40	200			.....
Chicot Pass,	1	5	20	150	10		.....
Abbeville,	3		100	100			.....
Franklin,	1	13	70	300			.....
Pattersonville and Brashear City,	1	7	40	300			33 00
Grand Lake,	1	4	24	100			.....
Thibodeaux and Napoleonville,	1	7	30	460	30		.....
Calcasieu,	1	4	20	200	3		.....
Grand Cheneire,	1	4	30	100			.....
Houma and Tigerville,	1	5	15	150			.....
Bayou Rouge and Big Cane,							.....
Simmsport,							.....
	16	80	499	2460	43	$ 30 00	$33 00
MONROE DISTRICT.							
Monroe	2	8	32	230			.....
Bastrop	2	13	90	575			.....
Jefferson							.....
Island and Wright's Chapel,							.....
Bartholemew	2	7	50	150	7		.....
Ion	2	8	39	250	3		.....
Carroll,	2	14	5	300	15		.....
Delhi,	1	5	20	100			.....
Columbia,	5	35	100	400	8		.....
Alexandria,	1	5	44	275	30	45 00	.....
Cotile,	1	4	20	52			.....
North Rapides,	5	20	80	250	35		.....
Evergreen,	2	6	30	65			.....
	25	125	555	2476	98	$ 45 00	.....

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1861.

	No. of Schools	Off'rs & Te'rs.	No. of Scholars	Vols. in Lib'ry	Visitors taken	Money for S. S. purposes.	Collected for Missions.
HOMER DISTRICT.							
Homer,	5	20	200	675		$ 10 00	.....
Minden,	2	12	35	225	3	12 00	.....
Farmerville,	2	12		200		25 00	.....
Ouachita,	1	6	35	300			.....
Vernon,							.....
Dugdamona							.....
Winfield,							.....
Montgomery,	2	8	70	130			.....
Sparta							.....
North Bossier,							.....
South Bossier,	2	15	63	340	20		.....
	14	73	403	1870	23	$ 47 00	.....
SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.							
Shreveport	1	8	50	400		$ 10 00	.....
Caddo,	6	24	100	400	25		.....
Grand Cane,							$ 8 30
Mansfield,	1	12	100	800	100		.....
Pleasant Hill,	2	22	100	840	25		.....
Natchitoches,	1	3	12	150	1		.....
Sabine,	2	8	40	150	50		.....
Red River,	2	8	35	100			.....
Lake Bisteneau,							.....
	15	85	437	2840	201	$ 10 00	$ 8 30
LAKE PROVIDENCE DISTRICT.							
Lake Providence and Bunch's Bend,	1	10	60	1250	40	$ 10 00	.....
Pecan Grove and Willow Bayou,							.....
Richmond,	2	12	125	500			.....
Wesley Chapel,							.....
St. Joseph,							.....
Waterproof,	1	7			30		.....
Tensas and Elizabeth Chapel,	2	12	50	1400			.....
Trinity,	2	10	50	100			.....
Sicily Island and Harrisonburg,	1	5	35	750	2	15 00	.....
Winnsboro,	2	7	35	300	34		.....
Ceutreville,	3	12	75	225			.....
	14	75	430	4525	106	$ 25 00	.....

ON CHURCH PUBLICATIONS.

NEW ORLEANS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

ADVOCATE OFFICE, New Orleans, Nov. 30, 1861.

To the Bishop and Members of the Louisiana Annual Conference—

DEAR BRETHREN: The undersigned, Executive Committee of the Joint Publishing Committee of the New Orleans Christian Advocate, respectfully submit their report of the affairs of the paper for the year ending November 1, 1861.

On the 27th May, owing to the scarcity of paper and the difficulty of making collections, our issue was reduced to half a sheet; and on the 16th October the publication was discontinued altogether, for want of funds. Our financial embarrassment is owing to the pressure of the times, the loss of several thousand dollars by theft in the Post Office, and the enhanced price of paper. Owing to the absence of the usual facilities for borrowing money, and the unfavorable prospects before them, the Committee deemed it prudent and necessary to suspend the publication, as the continuance, if it had been possible, would have involved us in heavy debt.

It will be seen by the following statement that the paper is not seriously involved, and that the assets, when realized, are ample to meet all claims The Committee are of opinion that the publication can be resumed upon an economical basis, provided TWO THOUSAND CASH SUBSCRIBERS are obtained, which is about one-fourth of our present subscription list. With the receipts from the Conferences, and this number of cash subscriptions in hand, the publication can be immediately resumed.

In view of resuming at an early day, the Committee have decided upon the adoption of the cash system for the future. The considerations which have led them to this plan are, that the experience of other journals has proved it to be eminently wise and expedient, and that the financial condition of the country renders any other course for the present impracticable. By "the cash system" is meant, that no paper be mailed until the money shall be received at the office, and that none be continued beyond the time for which payment has been made. The price to be invariably *two dollars a year cash in advance.*

As the future prosperity of the paper demands that the outstanding accounts be collected closely and promptly, the Committee propose to allow Agents twenty-five *per cent.* on all the said accounts which may be collected after the meeting of the patronizing Conferences.

When the publication is resumed, the paper will be sent to all old subscribers to whom the Advocate is indebted, to the extent of their subscriptions.

The worthy and able Editor having entered the military service of the Confederate States, the Committee, when able to go on with the paper, propose to conduct and edit it without remuneration, until the meeting of the General Conference.

Particular Statement for the year 1861.

Number of Subscribers,	7,500	
" Exchanges and Agents,	500	
Total number printed,		8,000
Expended for publishing during the year,		$10,556 00
Cash from Subscribers,	$7,102 01	
Cash from advertising,	800 00—	7,902 01
Amount of cash out of hand,		$2,654 00

General Statement of Financial Condition.

ASSETS :		
Value of press, engine, &c.,	$1,800 00	
Type and fixtures,	1,206 98—	$3,006 98
Due by advertizers,		2,301 94
Balance due by subscribers for five years past, to-wit:—		
For 1861,	7,899 99	
For 1860,	4,415 25	
For 1859,	3,466 57	
For 1858,	4 952 26	
For 1857,	1,361 28—	22,095 35
Total assets,		$27,404 27
Total liabilities,		3,961 25
Excess of assets over liabilities,		$23,443 02

We remain very truly and respectfully yours,

JOHN C. KEENER,
JOSEPH B. WALKER,
LINUS PARKER.

REPORT OF THE NEW ORLEANS DEPOSITORY.

To the Louisiana Conference, M. E. Church, in session at Alexandria, La.:

The Trustees of the New Orleans Methodist Depository beg leave to present their annual Report as follows, to-wit :

Balance on hand, as per last year's Report of date Nov. 21, 1860,	$215 50	
Collected on notes since that date,	315 00—$	530 50
1861—Feb. 14, paid on purchase note,	$500 00	
Expenses of year,	9 50—	509 50
Balance in hands of Treasurer, December 1st, 1861		$21 00
Amount due on note, as per last Report,	$3,300 00	
Amount paid since February 24, 1861,	500 00—$	2,800 00
Interest, say		230 00
Balance due on note December 1, 1861,		$3,030 00

To meet which the Trustees yet hold notes and drafts, past due, to the amount of $4,974 00, the greater portion of which, however, may be considered doubtful.

All which is respectfully submitted.

W. H. FOSTER, *Treasurer.*

New Orleans, Dec. 1st, 1861.

ON THE BIBLE CAUSE.

Owing to the inauguration of the present aggressive and iniquitous war by the people of the North, the Board of Directors of the South-Western Bible Society have severed all connection with the American Bible Society at New York, since the commencement of the war.

Therefore be it resolved, That this Conference approve of this decision, and holds itself in readiness to co-operate with the Patrons, Directors, and members, in the formation of a national Confederate Bible Society.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, IN LAY SESSION.

Resolved, 1. That the Louisiana Annual Conference earnestly desire the co-operation of brethren, members of the M. E. Church, South, within the bounds of the Conference, to advance the several benevolent and financial interests which have heretofore been under the sole care of the Conference.

2. That it hereby pressingly invites each of the Quarterly Meeting Conferences within its bounds to select some one gentleman, a member of the Church, to attend at the place where the Annual Conference shall meet, to give aid and share in the Committee action of the Conference upon the cause of Missions, the cause of Education, the Sabbath School cause, the Church Publications, and the Support of the Ministry.

3. That the Conference shall now appoint, from its members, the Chairmen of the several Committees on the aforesaid benevolent interests, who will be expected to prepare, during the year, a report for the various interests they represent, *excepting* the Committee on Missions, which shall meet and act with the Board of Managers on the first day of the meeting of the Conference.

4. That on the afternoon of the first day of the Conference, the Conference shall resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, and shall, together with the Committee men from the Quarterly Confer-

ences, constitute the Committee on all of the aforesaid benevolent causes. It shall elect a Chairman and Secretary to serve during the session of Conference, one of whom shall be a layman. This Committee of the Whole shall appoint sub-committees of not less than five, nor more than nine, composed of preachers and laymen in the following causes, to-wit: Missions, Education, Church Publications, Ministerial Support, Sunday Schools, Tracts and Bible. The Chairmen of said sub-committees shall be appointed by the Conference, and the sub-committees shall meet promptly and attend to the business referred to them, and report to the Committee of the Whole, and to the Conference as soon as practicable.

5. That the preacher having charge of the station or circuit where the Conference meets, be requested to make provision for the entertainment of the Committee men of the Quarterly Conference during the Conference session.

6. That the rules regulating the Committee of the Whole in Lay Session shall differ from the ordinary rules of a Committee of the Whole, in the following:

1. It shall elect its own President and Secretary.

2. It shall appoint sub-committees upon the subject matter of the committee.

3. It may limit discussion.

4. It may put the previous question.

5. And in this also: that the Conference does not resume its session immediately upon the rising of the Committee, but meets at its usual hour, and then the chairmen of committees make reports.

LAY COMMITTEE-MEN PRESENT.

J. B. Ashley, ... Calcasieu.
Dr. M'Graw, ... Bastrop.
J. A. Pugh, ... Ion.
John F. Bellamy, ... Winfield.
J. M. Franklin, ... Sabine.
S. H. Dockery, ... Caddo.

CHAIRMEN OF THE COMMITTEES.

On Missions, ... Lewis A. Reed.
" Education, ... Joseph B. Walker.
" Sunday Schools, ... W. E. M. Linfield.
" Church Publications, ... Samuel B. Suratt.
" Bible Cause, ... Reynolds Trippett.
" Ministerial Support, ... Joseph D. Adams.

COMMITTEE OF EXAMINATION AND COURSE OF STUDY FOR 1862.

ENGLISH LITERATURE.

Committee.....A. E. Goodwyn, B. F. Alexander.

Studies: *Class of First Year*—English Grammar; Hymn Book; Composition.

Studies: *Class of Second Year*—Hymn Book; Quackenboss's Advanced Course of Composition, and Rhetoric and Composition.

Studies: *Class of Third Year*—Hymn Book; Whately's Rhetoric, Essay or Sermon; Reference to Vinet's Pastoral Theology.

Studies: *Class of Fourth Year*—Hymn Book; Whately's Logic; Sermon.

BIBLICAL LITERATURE.

Committee.....R. J. Harp, R. Trippett.

Studies: *Class of First Year*—Bible, historical and biographical parts, with reference to Watson's Biblical and Theological Dictionary, enlarged, with New Biblical Atlas and Preachers' Text-Book.

Studies: *Class of Second Year*—Bible, as to the institutions of Christianity, with reference to Watson's Dictionary.

Studies: *Class of Third Year*—Bible, as to doctrines, with reference to Watson's Dictionary.

Studies: *Class of Fourth Year*—Bible generally, with reference to Watson's Dictionary.

DOCTRINAL AND CONTROVERSIAL THEOLOGY.

Committee.....Linus Parker, S. B. Suratt.

Studies: *Class of First Year*—Vol. I of Wesley's Sermons; Watson's Institutes, Part III; Theological Compend.

Studies: *Class of Second Year*—Vol. II of Wesley's Sermons; Smith's Elements of Divinity; Watson's Institutes, Part IV.

Studies: *Class of Third Year*—Wesley's Sermons, Vol. III; Watson's Institutes, Part II.

Studies: *Class of Fourth Year*—Wesley's Sermons, Vol. IV; Rivers' Elements of Moral Philosophy; Watson's Institutes, Part I.

ECCLESIASTICAL HISTORY AND CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Committee.....J. B. Walker, S. J. Davies.

Studies: *Class of First Year*—Discipline; Clarke's Preachers' Manual.

STUDIES: *Class of Second Year*—Discipline, with reference to Henkle's Analysis; Watson's Life of Wesley, and Observations on Southey.

STUDIES: *Class of Third Year*—Discipline.

STUDIES: *Class of Fourth Year*—Discipline; Powell on Succession; Ruter's Church History.

Committee for Examination of Candidates for Admission on Trial: JOHN C. KEENER, LEWIS A. REED.

"All candidates for admission on Trial into the Traveling Connection shall, in addition to their examination before the Quarterly Conference, as required by the present form of Discipline, be examined by a committee of the Annual Conference on the ordinary branches of an English education, of their acquaintance with which they shall give satisfactory evidence previously to admission."—*Action of the General Conference of the M. E. Church, South, in Session of* 1858.

GERMAN UNDER-GRADUATES.

Resolved, That those German preachers who are now or may hereafter be received on trial, shall be required to give satisfaction to the Conference on the course of study in the English language, as recommended by the Bishops.

TIME OF EXAMINATION.

Resolved, That the classes to be examined be required to appear before the Committee of Examination, at the seat of Conference, at 9 o'clock, A.M., on the Monday preceding the opening of the Conference; and in case they fail to do so, without satisfactory excuse for non-attendance at the required time and place, they shall be continued in the same class another year.

AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL RECORD.

Resolved, That all the candidates for admission into the Conference be required, at the time of their reception, to furnish the Secretary with a written statement, setting forth the date and place of their birth, their parentage, the time of their conversion, and when and where they were licensed to preach; and that the same be filed with the Records of the Conference.

Resolved, That all brethren becoming members of the Conference, either by transfer, or re-admission into the Traveling Connection, be requested to furnish a similar statement.

UNDER-GRADUATES.

CLASS OF THE FIRST YEAR.—Baxter Clegg, Matthew D. Thomasson, Charles W. Carter, Edmond W. Yancey.

CLASS OF THE SECOND YEAR.—Henry O. White, John W. Hearne, John C. Faulk.

CLASS OF THE THIRD YEAR.—Thomas B. Baldwin, William F. Alexander.

CLASS OF THE FOURTH YEAR.—August Arnold, Henry B. Frazee, John F. DeWitt, Whitmel P. Kimball, James T. Fontaine, Charles W. Hodge, Dabney P. Cullen, Seaborn J. Graves.

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS.

THE NEW ORLEANS EXCEPTION.

Resolved, That we respectfully memorialize the ensuing General Conference to rescind the rule by which the city of New Orleans is made an exception to the general rule as regards preachers laboring more than two years in the same work.

SEPARATION OF FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Resolved, That we respectfully memorialize the General Conference to separate the Foreign and Domestic Missions, so as to leave the Domestic Missions exclusively under the control of the several Conferences.

COLLECTION FOR DELEGATES.

Resolved, That we take up collections for the expenses of our Delegates to General Conference in March next.

CONFERENCE SERMON.

Nehemiah A. Cravens was appointed to preach the next Conference Sermon.

SEAT OF NEXT CONFERENCE.

Bastrop, Parish of Morehouse, La.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Robert J. Harp, James A. Ivy, Anderson B. Fly, Stephen J Davies, Benjamin F. White.

RESERVES—Thomas B. White, Joseph D. Adams.

APPOINTMENTS.

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT,.....*John C. Keener, P.E.*

Carondolet street,.....*Joseph B. Walker.*
Felicity street,.....*Linus Parker.*
Moreau street,.....*James E. Bradley.*
First German Mission,.....*John A. Pauly.*
Second " " .....John J. F. Brunow.
Third German Mission, } August Arnold.
Fourth " " }
Jefferson City,.....*Joseph H. Stone.*
Algiers and Gretna,.....John F. DeWitt.
Laurel street and Carrollton,.....To be supplied.
Baton Rouge,.....*Nehemiah A. Cravens.*
Plaquemine.....*Arthur W. Smith.*
Gross Tete,.....*Benjamin F. Alexander.*
New Orleans Christian Advocate,.....*Clayton C. Gillespie,** Editor.
Nashville Christian Advocate,.....*Holland N. McTyeire,* Editor.
Professor Centenary College,.....*Almarin G. Miller.*

OPELOUSAS DISTRICT.....*Robert J. Harp, P. E.*

Opelousas.....*Jephtha Landrum.*
St. Landry circuit,.....*Daniel S. Watkins.*
New Iberia,.....*Robert R. R. Alexander.*
Vermillion circuit,.....*John S. Davis.*
Franklin,.....*Alexander E. Goodwyn.*
Teche colored mission,.....James T Fontaine.
Pattersonville,.....*F. T. Rawson.*
Grand Lake mission,.....To be supplied.
Thibodeaux and Napoleonville,.....*Stephen J. Davies.*
Houma and Tigerville,.....*Matthew D. Thomasson.*
Washington circuit,.....*Benjamin F. White.*

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT.....*James A. Ivy, P.E.*

Alexandria,.....*W. E. M. Linfield.*
Cotile.....*Joshua F. Scurlock.*
North Rapides,.....Robert T. Parish.
North Rapides mission,.....*Uriah Whatley.*
Evergreen,.....Henry B. Frazee.
Point Coupee,.....Charles W. Carter.
Calcasieu,.....*Joel Sanders*; to be supplied.
Grand Cheneire,.....*Seaborn J. Graves.*
Chaplain 15th Louisiana Regiment,.....*Frederick White.*

* In the C. S. Army.

MONROE DISTRICT.....*Samuel Armstrong, P. E.*

Monroe	*Wm. C. Young.*
Bastrop,	*Marshall H. Wells.*
Jefferson,	*James L. Wright.*
Island and Wright's Chapel,	*John A. Miller.*
Lindgrove,	*Wm. J. M'Farland.*
Plantersville,	John C. Faulk.
Ion,	*Robert Parvin.*
Carroll,	T. J. Upton; to be supplied.
Delhi,	*Anthony Cannon, W. H. Frost.**

HOMER DISTRICT.....*Samuel S. Scott, P.E.*

Homer,	*Thomas H. M'Clendon.*
Minden,	*Wm. D. Shea.*
Farmersville,	John H. Boult.
Ouachita,	*Richard M. Crowson.*
Vernon,	Charles W. Hodge.
Winnfield circuit,	Dabney P. Cullen.
Sparta,	Whitmel P. Kimball.
North Bossier,	To be supplied.
South Bossier,	*John C. Reed.*

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.....*Samuel B. Suratt, P. E.*

Shreveport,	*Samuel J. Hawkins.*
Caddo circuit,	*P. L. Henderson*, H. O. White.
De Soto circuit,	Thomas B. Baldwin.
Mansfield,	*James L. Chapman.*
Pleasant Hill,	*John Pipes.*
Bayou Pierre mission,	To be supplied.
Natchitoches mission,	William D. Stayton.
Sabine mission,	To be supplied.
Red River,	*Baxter Clegg.*
Lake Bisteneau,	*Jesse Fulton.*

LAKE PROVIDENCE DISTRICT.....*Thomas B. White, P. E.*

Providence and Bunch's Bend,	*Robert A. New.*
Pecan Grove and Willow Bayou,	*Charles J. Hallberg.*
Richmond and Bayou Videl,	*R. Trippett.*
" "	*A. B. Fly, sup'y.*
Waterproof,	*Joseph D. Adams.*
Wesley Chapel,	*Philo M. Goodwyn.*
Jordan's Chapel and Newel's Ridge,	William F. Alexander.
Tensas and Elizabeth Chapel.	*Wm. G. M'Gaughey,*
" " "	*Philip H. Dieffenwerth, sup'y.*
Concordia mission,	*Fielding Bell.*
Sicily Island,	*Lewis A. Reed.*
Sicily Island mission,	To be supplied.

* In the C. S. Army.

[LAKE PROVIDENCE DISTRICT continued.]

Trinity, ... *Uriah Riley*, John F. Wynn.
Winnsboro, ... *John C. Pitts.*
Harrisonburg and Centreville, ...John W. Hearne.

SUPERANNUATED.—*Thomas Samford, David Kinnear, Henry C. Thweatt, Moses Davis, Thomas J. Lacy.*

LOCATED.—*William H. Scales, Henry Avery.*

PREACHERS' FUND SOCIETY.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

J. C. KEENER, *Treasurer, in account with the Preachers' Fund Society of the Louisiana Conference:*

1862.		Dr.
Jan. 8.—To cash on hand at last report, $262 54 and interest,.....		$ 283 58
To note of D. O. Shattuck for $240, with various credits, and interest on $139 20 from Dec. 7, 1843, to Jan. 8, 1859,.....		340 57
To note of J. Saunders for $60, with interest, from Dec. 18, 1844..		141 60
To note of R. M. Crowson, for $15, with interest, from Dec. 18, 1845		39 90
To note of R. Spencer, from July 26, 1855, with interest,.....		121 60
To amount of balance due on note of B. A. Houghton (deceased), $897 83, with interest from Feb. 10, 1857,.....		1,255 69
To note of J. H. Guerding, President, for $800, with interest from March 15, 1857 (10 months), $981 34, less interest $114.....		995 34
To note of J. C. Hallburg, for $100, with interest from Feb. 10, 1857		139 34
To note of D. O. Shattuck, for $52, with interest from Jan. 7, 1848		110 18
To note of R. A. Stuart, for $349 44, due Jan. 6, 1859,.....		437 23
		$3,952 51

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Jan. 8.—By note on hand of D. O. Shattuck, with interest,.....		$ 340 57
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" J. Sanders, "		141 60
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" R. Spencer, "		121 60
By amount of balance due on note of B. A. Houghton, with interest		1,255 69
By note of J. H. Guerding, with interest,.....		995 34
" J. C. Hallburg,.....		139 34
" R. A. Stewart.....		437 23
" Jesse Fulton,.....		87 48
By cash on hand,.....		283 58
[E. & O. E.]		$3,952 51